

AN OLD GAME.

Blackmail Successfully Worked on the Comstock Citizens.

A special dispatch to the Reno Journal has the following:

VIRGINIA CITY, Dec. 19.—This staid old mining camp at the present moment is in the throes of one of the most sensational scandals of recent years. It is learned that for some months past the back room of a certain saloon here has been the scene of a blackmailing scheme. With the aid of a woman the proprietor has been waxing fat. Victims with plenty of money have fallen easy, victims to his threats.

The plan, so it is said, has been for the woman to entice a dupe into the room and while there with him the "husband" appears on the scene with revolver in hand and threatening all sorts of dire things. Finally a compromise is reached the victim agreeing to pay a sum of money with the understanding that his life will be spared and the incident kept quiet.

The latest victim is said to be a well known resident of Virginia. He was caught several days ago, cancelled debts of the saloon keeper amounting to several hundred dollars and in addition put up a snug sum of money. As a result of his exciting experience he was in bed several days seriously ill.

Today the matter leaked out and at the meeting of the county commissioners to be held December 29th, the case will be considered with a view of revoking the license of the saloon keeper. Names of course cannot be obtained at this time.

MANHATTAN STRIKES.

New Finds Bringing the Camp to the Front

Reputed accounts of news strikes are arriving in Tonopah from the Manhattan district. The latest, which arrived on Saturday evening, states that a new find has been made on Mustang Hill, one-half a mile down the canyon from Manhattan. It is on the side line between the Mustang claim, owned by Humphrey and associates and the Broncho claim, owned by Tate and Parker. The discoverer is Bert Kopenhagen. The ore is said to be liberally sprinkled with free gold.

Twenty-six inches of shipping ore has been struck in the Taylor group at Manhattan and Mr. Taylor left for that district Saturday with an outfit, including a quantity of ore sacks.

The Taylor claims are 2400 feet from the Hudson lease, where the recent rich strike was made and from which shipments are now being made.

The strike on the Taylor group was made at a depth of only twenty feet. A narrow streak which showed to be only an inch or two in width was followed down by the workmen and at a depth of twenty feet had not only widened but increased in richness. The new strike extends the area of known richness several hundred feet and increases the value of a number of properties which were heretofore not known to be in the rich portfolio of the district.

Eighteen leasers at Manhattan are reported to be now taking out shipping ore and making shipments from their ground. It is claimed that Manhattan has produced more ore considering general conditions of the district during the time that has elapsed since the discovery of the camp eclipse the showing made by either Tonopah or Goldfield during the same period of these camps.

There is something of a rush on for the Manhattan district and outfits leave Tonopah daily for the camp laden with miners' supplies. Freighters report a good business to be started up between Tonopah and Manhattan and several teams are kept busy on the road.—Goldfield Sun.

For Christmas.

Nothing could be better for any member of the family than a pair of slippers such as are shown by Ed Burlington. They are made to fit any member of the family from the infant up. Also a splendid selection of the finest shoes that are manufactured. The presents are useful and money well expended. Ask the prices they are in keeping with the times.

Regans Place.

Yesterday a sign painter decorated the windows at "Regans Place". The boys figure that there is nothing like a sign of their own and they certain have a monopoly on the name, "Regans Place."

Our stock of holiday goods are the finest to be had. Prices reasonable. Davey & Maish.

MELTING COINS INTO BULLION.

Mexico is Taking Advantage of the High Price of Silver.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—The continued high price of silver between 65 and 66 cents per ounce is causing heavy shipments of Mexican dollars melted into bullion through this port, Seattle and Vancouver to the Orient. The shipments are being sent by Wells Fargo and Company from Mexican points under heavy guard in the express company's cars. It is said that during the past sixteen days \$13,000,000 in silver bullion has been brought out of Mexico for shipment to the far east from this coast.

In financial circles predictions are heard that silver is going to 70 cents because the surplus production is limited, while the demand is constantly growing.

ACCIDENTS AT RENO.

Man Burned to Death—Street Car in Collision.

RENO, Dec. 20.—Joe Wilson, a laborer, built a fire a short distance from Reno last night before going to sleep in the open air. In some manner his clothes caught fire and this morning his charred remains were found near the place where he sought repose.

A wood car crashed into a street car on the Fourth street crossing at this place this morning. The windows and light wood work on the car were shattered and the car thrown off the track. Several passengers on the street car were bruised and cut, but none seriously hurt.

Special Announcement.

The Carson Stationery and Novelty Company will make a special feature of the holiday trade. New goods are coming in every day. We are now receiving Haviland China, exquisite Japanese Tea Sets, artistic Teco Pottery, Manicure Sets, Toilet Sets, Dolls of all kinds, fine cutlery, Mechanical toys, Stationery of all kinds school books, school supplies and school furniture, and all the latest music of the day. Our store is opposite the postoffice. Call and examine our goods. Your are welcome.

Mayor Davis Injured.

Mayor J. T. Davis is confined to his home from injuries received by a fall. Several days ago as he was coming down the steps of his home he slipped on the ice and received such a shake up that he has been confined to his home since that time.

In From Jumbo.

Sam White, who has been doing assessment work at Jumbo district came in last evening. Sam reports considerable activity in the district and brought in some good looking quartz. Sam is of the opinion that Jumbo is one of the coming camps.

We are selling three pounds of mixed nuts, for 50 cents, all fresh and the best. Davey & Maish.

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SAM PLATT APPOINTED.

Will Succeed Sardin Summerfield as U. S. District Attorney.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 20.—Sam Platt of Carson City was today appointed United States Attorney for the district of Nevada, vice Sardin Summerfield. The appointee was recommended by Senator Nixon and prominent Republicans of Nevada, while Senator Summerfield had strength at court through his friendship with Secretary Taft and others high in the councils of the party.

A Christmas Suggestion.

If the father of the family wishes to make all hands happy on Christmas day he can do so by calling at Charley Friends. He is agent for the celebrated Columbia Graphophone, the finest talking machine made. He can quote some close prices and the records that he carries are the best in the city. Stop in and ask his prices. The machine makes the finest holiday gift in the calendar as it delights the entire family.

New Sampler Now Working.

The Western Ore Purchasing company's new sampling plant at Miller's siding, fifteen miles west of Tonopah, commenced operations on Tuesday last, "Lot No. 1" being a carload of ore from the Montana-Tonopah mine. The sampler which is operated by electricity from the Tonopah Mining Company's power plant was constructed from the latest improved design of Charles Snyder, the company's general manager, and has a capacity of 400 tons in eight hours.—Tonopah Sun

Banner Railroad County.

That Lincoln will be the banner county of the State of Nevada in point of mileage before another year is out goes without saying for at present the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad have 210 miles of main track; the Las Vegas and Tonopah will have 50 miles in Lincoln county. The Northern and Searchlight have 22 miles, the Pioche Pacific has which has commenced to build will 18 miles while the branch line from Caliente to Pioche will add thirty two miles more making a grand total of 334 miles, and all of this is assured before another six months rolls away. It will not be long before Lincoln county will be one of the foremost in Nevada.

A Painful Malady.

Miss Hazel Hofer who is confined to her bed with muscular and inflammatory rheumatism, is much worse. Theo Hofer, Sr., is also laid up with the same malady.

Honest Hearts.

The play of Honest Hearts was presented at the opera house last evening to a fair audience. The people who presented the play lived up to their advertising and furnished a good play with plenty of action.

C. W. Friend is getting in his holiday stock which is well selected and prices reasonable.

TONIGHT'S PLAY.

One That Appeals to all Classes of Drama Lovers.

"Way Down East," Lottie Blair Parker's idyllic play of New Hampshire farm life comes to the Opera House tonight.

The play is one that appeals not to a limited class, but to everyone with a spark of sympathy, a liking for an interesting story and a relish for good wholesome fun. There are many reasons for its popularity. Its pathetic theme, its genial humor, its charming pictures of country life, its quaint characters and striking realism. But its more potent element undoubtedly is the strong human interest that permeates every scene. To this all classes and creeds must yield their sympathy. Mrs. Parker's work, so admirably produced under the skillful direction of Mr. Joseph Grismer will be interpreted by a cast that has been especially selected for its individual capability.

Requisitions Issued.

Governor Sparks has issued requisition papers for the return of William Evans to California. He is charged with committing assault with intent to murder at Los Angeles and is believed to be at Searchlight. The papers were issued to State Agent W. A. White.

Papers were also issued for the return of Harry Carson to Colorado. He escaped from a reformatory there and was captured in Reno. The agent is Robert L. Shaw.

Lost His Dog.

Yesterday word was received from Rev. Darnelle stating that his dog Don had been poisoned while on his way to his new parish in the North. The dog was the Dornies faithful friend and he thought a great deal of him.

Moving His Stock.

Yesterday Al Livingston was busy moving his wholesale stock into new quarters. The new place is rapidly assuming a business like appearance and Liv can supply anything from a drinking glass to a complete outfit. His office has been carpeted and his place has a decided home like appearance.

Water Turned On.

It is announced that the water will reach the turn out box for residents of St. Clair neighborhood tonight. A good sized column is flowing over the power house dam. R. L. Douglass made a trip over the line of the canal between Fallon and Leeteville. He says that everything possible is being done by the engineers in charge and that a good supply of water will be had by all.—Standard.

Good For Icemen.

The past few days threatened to thaw the ice and half the town houses were filled. Last evening the thermometer hovered close to the zero mark and the ice men wear a confident smile. The ice put up this season is the best in a number of years, averaging about ten inches.

Stabbing Affray at Eureka.

An old feud between Jack Cassidy of Eureka and Peter Schaefer of Newark Valley culminated in a stabbing affray at Eureka last Friday. Schaefer and Cassidy met on Main street and had some words with each other, when Schaefer cut Cassidy in the abdomen with his pocket knife. The wound, though dangerous, is not necessarily dangerous.

Unlucky Maxson.

LOS ANGELES Dec. 20.—Colonel H. B. Maxson of Reno Nevada, Secretary of the National Irrigation Congress who is at the Hollenbeck hotel has been the victim of a remarkable series of accidents. Some years ago he fell down a shaft in Nevada and broke both legs. He came to Los Angeles and was knocked across the street by a trolley car. He has been in three railroad wrecks in three months and became the victim of an automobile smashup in Salt Lake City. Seven weeks ago he was trampled on by horses in a runaway in Reno and nearly killed.

He thinks that another accident is about due and is doubling his accident policy.

Acquitted.

General Woodburn has returned from Dayton where he defended the man who did the shooting recently at Churchill station. The defendant was acquitted.

Governor Sparks had Gib Douglass departed yesterday for Mason Valley where he will indulge in a few day hunting.

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